

Preliminary Amendment
Application No.: filed concurrently
February 26, 2004

REMARKS


By this amendment, claims 2-18 have been canceled and claim 1 has been amended. Currently, claim 1 is pending in the application.

This amendment removes the multiple dependent claims from the application. Applicant will file a Supplemental Preliminary Amendment with the English translation of this application within the required time frame.

If there are any questions or concerns regarding this amendment or the remarks, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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